



# 2018 Beach Handbook – Youth

Toronto, ON

August 17th-19th, 2018

## Age Divisions

The 2018 Youth Beach event will feature 5 age categories including: 14U, 15U (girls only), 16U, 18U and 20U.

20U: Athletes born September 1, 1997 or later.

18U: Athletes born September 1, 1999 or later.

16U: Athletes born September 1, 2001 or later.

15U Girls: Athletes born September 1, 2002 or later.

14U: Athletes born September 1, 2003 or later.

\*Note: there is no 17U age category, or 15U Boys. Athletes who fall in this category should refer to the age categories document.

## Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete at Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial Championship. Exemptions may be granted in certain cases:

1. If the team members are participating in a VC sanctioned event or program, which include:
  - a. NORCECA or FIVB circuit
  - b. Canada Cup
  - c. Provincial Team programs
  - d. Canada Games
2. Extenuating circumstances which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Any athlete wishing to request an exemption are required to fill out this [form](#) with their request by Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Registration

All teams must register at [register.volleyball.ca](http://register.volleyball.ca). Registration dates and fees can be found below.

**Registration Opens:** Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Early Bird Deadline:** Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Registration is open on a first come, first serve basis – there are no spots reserved.

<b>Early Bird Price</b>	June 19 – July 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$235
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<b>Regular Price</b>	July 11 – August 7th	\$285
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*\*VC reserves the right to cancel any age category with less than 8 teams.*

**Note:** Teams should register according to the deadlines (you can register for Nationals prior to participating in your PTA championships).

## Team Jerseys

All teams registered for the event will receive a team uniform that must be worn for all matches. Athletes will need to indicate their player number (1 or 2), and shirt size at the time of registration.

## Wait List

VC has the right to put a limit to the number of teams allowed in each category. Should one event fill, a wait list will be maintained for the extra teams. Should a registered team withdraw from the event; teams on the waiting list will be contacted and given the opportunity to enter the tournament.

## Withdrawals

### Withdrawal before the registration deadline

Teams who withdraw before the registration deadline (Tuesday, August 7th) will be refunded their registration fee less a \$40 admin fee.

### Withdrawal after the registration deadline

If a team withdraws from the event after the registration deadline, no reimbursement will be issued.

**Note:** The effects of the withdrawal of a team on the tournament schedule will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. The schedule may or may not be readjusted.

## Competition Format

Day 1: Pool Play

Day 2: Power Pools

Day 3: Elimination

Volleyball Canada aims to schedule each team a minimum of 7 matches. This is however not guaranteed in the case of a no-show team. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 1 match on Sunday.

## Team Check-In

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 12:00PM (noon) until 8:00PM. Location TBC.

Please note that all athletes must provide proof of age when checking in (birth certificate, driver's license, health card, or passport). It is **acceptable** for a team representative to check a team in, as long



as they have a copy of their IDs (photocopies/photos are acceptable) and assume the responsibility for player uniforms. Both athletes do not need to be present in order to check-in.

If you are unable to attend team check-in, please contact Kurt Hewlett – [nationals@volleyball.ca](mailto:nationals@volleyball.ca) by Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Teams are welcome to practice on the courts from 12:00PM to 5:00PM on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first serve basis. The courts will be unavailable for practice in the evening due to the local league.

## Players Meeting

The players meeting for Youth Beach Nationals is MANDATORY and will occur in the morning on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (meeting time is one hour before the first match). This meeting will cover all tournament protocols, rules, and formats.

## Tournament Committee

The tournament committee for Youth Beach Nationals will consist of a tournament representative, a Volleyball Canada representative and a tournament referee supervisor.

## Protests

Protests or disputes have to be settled before resuming play. No protest will be accepted after play has resumed. If a team wishes to protest, that team must present \$50 cash to the tournament committee at the time of the protest. If this team wins their protest, they will be refunded the \$50.

## Seeding

Seeding for 14U, 15U girls, 16U, 18U, and 20U will be done according to the following principle:

Step 1: The top four (4) teams from the 2017 Beach Nationals results in the same age category earn their province a spot.

*\*\*Teams must have finished in the top 8 of their provincial championships to earn this seed.*

Step 2: All PTA Gold Medalists get one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials in the top division of that age category).

Step 3: All PTA Silver Medalists get one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials in the top division of that age category).

Step 4: All PTAs not yet represented will receive one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials in the top division of that age category).

Step 5: The first 4 steps should give you an order of all provinces in attendance. Repeat this order until all teams are seeded.

**Note:** Step 1 for 20U will be based on results from last year's 18U division.



## Schedules

All FINAL tournament schedules will be available online after all teams have checked-in on Thursday, August 16th 2018. Master schedules can be found on the [Youth Beach Nationals page](#) (after registration closes) on the VC Website (after registration closes). However, match-ups and match times throughout the weekend can be found on [www.iset.net](http://www.iset.net).

- All matches have pre-assigned start times. No match is to start prior to the pre-assigned start time.
- Should a court run late, the next match will start 10 minutes after the end of the previous match.

## Player Referees

Players are responsible for refereeing the matches they are assigned. Please be aware of this when you see your schedule (note: refereeing duties are **not** listed on Iset – please refer to the [event website](#)). Failure to show up to your refereeing assignment will result in a \$50 fine to the team.

Players will be assigned to referee each day, including the final day (including the match after they are eliminated).

## Court Supervisors

Court supervisors (official Volleyball Canada referees) will be walking around during the first two days of competition. If there is an issue on your court, please see a court supervisor immediately before resuming play.

More information on Court Supervisors to come at the players meeting.

## Tie Breakers

Tie-breaking procedures for pool play will be as follows:

- Tie between two teams:
  - The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
  - If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.
- Tie between three teams:
  - The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
  - If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool;
  - If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding.

## Coaching

- Coaching is not allowed during play.
- Coaching is allowed during time-outs and between sets for youth athletes' 16U and younger only.
- Coaching is NOT allowed during matches for all athletes playing at levels 18U & 20U.



## Anti-Doping

Following the guidelines of the Canadian Center for Ethics in Sports (CCES), any Canadian athlete competing at a National or International level can be tested for banned and/or illegal substances. It is the athlete's responsibility to be aware of and comply with CCES anti-doping policies.

Consult the web site for more information: <http://www.cces.ca>

## Suspended Play Policy

Please see [VC's Suspended Play Policy](#) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

## Concussion Protocol

Please see [VC's Concussion Protocol](#) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

## Beach Hand Setting Rule

Please see the [Beach Hand Setting Rule](#) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

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